

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, April 19, 2000 - 9:00 a.m. - 405 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Peter C. Knudson,
Senate Chair
Rep. Marda Dillree,
House Chair
Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. Eddie "Ed" P. Mayne
Rep. Gerry A. Adair
Rep. Don E. Bush
Rep. Carl W. Duckworth
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
Rep. Bryan D. Holladay
Rep. Dennis H. Iverson
Rep. Brad King
Rep. Karen W. Morgan
Rep. Joseph G. Murray
Rep. Lowell A. Nelson
Rep. Richard M. Siddoway

Members Absent:

Sen R. Lane Beattie
Sen. R. Mont Evans

Staff Present:

Mr. Benjamin N. Christensen,
Research Analyst
Mr. Dee S Larsen,
Associate General Counsel
Ms. Junie G. Anderson,
Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Committee Business - Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Adair moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 1999 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Bush and Rep. Nelson absent for the vote.

2. Report of Transportation Bills Passed During the 2000 General Session - Mr. Larsen discussed a document titled "Transportation - 2000 General Session Summaries of Bills that Passed" that was mailed to committee members prior to the meeting.

Chair Dillree expressed appreciation for the committee staff and its efficiency in preparing legislation for the committee and the General Session.

3. Discussion of Priority Study Items for the 2000 Interim - Chair Knudson suggested that committee members select six priority issues that they would like to study during the interim period. The items were listed in a document titled "2000 Potential Transportation Related Study Items" that was mailed to committee members prior to the meeting. He recommended that Item 139, "Eminent Domain and Relocation Assistance," be added to the list.

Mr. Tom Warne, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) recommended several items that his department would like the committee to study: Item 139, "Eminent Domain and Relocation Assistance;" Item 182, "Access Management Program;" Item 183, "Airport Funding;" Item 185, "Construction Bid Limit;" and Item 188, "Preservation of Mass Transit Corridors."

Mr. Christensen explained the purpose of the study items list. He said the agencies involved in transportation-related issues were contacted for input. He stated that the Utah Tax Commission recommended the study of Item 117, "Motor Vehicle Impound and Release," and the Utah Highway Patrol recommended Item 184, "Bicycle Laws;" Item 186, "DUI Suspensions;" and Item 192, "Traffic Management Committee."

Mr. Robert Bayn, North Logan; Mr. Malcolm Campbell, Salt Lake Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee; and Mr. Juan Arce-Larreta, Salt Lake Mayor's Office, encouraged the committee to study Item 184, "Bicycle Laws," and offered to assist the committee as needed.

Chair Dillree said the Utah Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations is interested in the study of Item 191, "Tow Trucks."

Chair Knudson requested that the survey be completed and turned in to staff by the end of the meeting.

4. Light Rail/Commuter Rail Update - Mr. John English, Utah Transit Authority, provided an update on the progress of the light rail/commuter rail. He reported on UTA/TRAX ridership, the impacts of its use, and future recommendations. He described a regional mass transit network that could be a tremendous benefit to the residences of the Wasatch Front. He said in order to expand further, the voters must approve additional sales tax funding for UTA. Mr. English also noted that local governments have approved all of the scheduled projects. He discussed several projects with the committee, including the TRAX University extension.

5. Traffic Management Committee Review - Mr. Christensen provided background information on the Traffic Management Committee. He said the committee was originally established by the Legislature in 1991 as the Traffic Signal Coordination Committee, and its duties were to implement a unified traffic signal coordination system. In 1995, the name was changed to the Traffic Management Committee, two members were added, and its duties were expanded.

Mr. Martin Knopp, UDOT, distributed a handout titled "Traffic Management Committee Review" and discussed its operation, successes, and potential enhancements, all of which were outlined in the handout.

Mr. Drew Chamberlain, Coalition for Accountable Government, distributed a handout titled "Utah Transit Authority - Monthly Ridership Performance Report." He applauded the Traffic Management Committee for its efforts. He expressed a desire to speak about the light rail system. Chair Knudson suggested that Mr. Chamberlain comment at a future meeting in which light rail would be addressed again.

Mr. Carl Johnson, Mountainland Association of Governments, encouraged the committee to consider either an expansion of the current Traffic Management Committee to include representatives from Weber, Davis, and Utah Counties, or to establish separate committees for those areas.

6. Other Committee Business -

7. Adjourn -

MOTION: Rep. Siddoway moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously at 10:48 a.m., with Sen. Mayne and Rep. Morgan absent for the vote.

